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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Events In Iraq

TO the outside world the happenings in Baghdad during the weekend came as a complete surprise, and are puzzling. It has still to be shown whether the anti-British and anti-American demonstrations and the political upheaval in Iraq are part of an organised campaign to create discontent throughout the Middle East by displays of violence against the established interests of the West. That the Baghdad demonstrations were inspired is perfectly apparent. They also seem to have caught the caretaker Government on the wrong foot. It required the quick and firm action of General Mahmoud to restore order, and interestingly enough, Nke General Naguib of Egypt, who organised the coup against King Farouk, Mahmoud has assumed the Premiership. Another of his actions not far removed from that of his Egyptian contemporary is his dissolving of existing political parties and his promise to hold general elections. But if General Mahmoud has the internal situation in Iraq in hand, it has still to be revealed whether he intends to create new international relations, or to support the movement for the breaking off of Iraq's traditional friendship with Britain.

OSTENSIBLY the Baghdad demonstrations were directed against the Anglo-Iraqi treaty of 1930—a pact which had a curious development in 1948. It was then agreed between the two governments to revise the treaty and after amicable discussions held at Portsmouth, Mr. Bevin for Britain and Prime Minister Salih Jabr for Iraq initiated the new agreement. But before Mr. Jabr could return to his country, the Iraq Government repudiated the new pact on the grounds that it did not realise Iraq's national aspirations. In fact it impinged in no way on the country's national aspirations. It was essentially a mutual security agreement which provided for a close alliance to be perpetuated and declared that in the event of war either country would immediately render aid as a measure of collective defence. Its annexes made provision for the RAF to share two air bases, but did not endow Britain with any sovereign rights over them, nor place any Iraqi military units under British command. It was essentially a friendship pact recognising and fully respecting the sovereign independence of Iraq.

THE terms of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty provide no valid grounds for the sudden outbreak of anti-British sentiment in Baghdad, or for the violence which accompanied the demonstrations. But it is conceivable that the events of last weekend were intended to be a prelude for demands by extremist political factions for the confiscation and nationalisation of the oil industry in a manner similar to that carried out by Persia. The question which now awaits an answer is whether General Mahmoud's regime and the Regency will lend themselves to any such agitation, or whether they will appreciate that, as in the case with Persia, unilateral seizure and nationalisation of the oil industry means only grasping the shadow for the substance, and must inevitably injure the interests of the country. In due course General Mahmoud will have to declare his attitude to this question, for upon it may well depend the future of Iraq.

RUSSIA REJECTS TRUCE PLAN

Indian Proposals Are Unsatisfactory And Unacceptable

United Nations, Nov. 24. Soviet Russia tonight dashed hopes of an early agreement on Korea by rejecting outright India's plan to break the deadlock on prisoner of war repatriation — last stumbling block in the way of a settlement.

In an unexpected speech to the United Nations 60-nation Political Committee, Russia's lawyer-foreign minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, declared that the Indian resolution was "not designed to end the Korean War but to perpetuate it." He added: "It is therefore unsatisfactory and unacceptable."

Mr. Vyshinsky spoke in place of the Polish delegate, who was next on the speakers' list. He thus jumped ahead of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, who was due to speak later in the debate clarifying his country's position while vital behind-the-scenes negotiations were going on to knock the Indian plan into an all-round acceptance shape.

Throughout the weekend diplomats of 21 nations, including Britain and other Commonwealth countries and the United States, had argued over the Indian resolution, which had already been amended from its original form.

These nations oppose forcible repatriation of prisoners, who do not want to return home. The Russians want all prisoners repatriated and the Indian plan seeks to overcome this difference.

Informal sources said today that all 21 nations were agreed that certain aspects of the Indian resolution still required clarification, especially the machinery of repatriation. But both the British and American spokesmen affirmed publicly that reports of a "split" in opinion between the United States on the one hand and Britain, Canada and Australia on the other were greatly exaggerated.

Diplomats considered this gap not unbridgeable. But Mr. Vyshinsky tonight declared that the "so-called principle" of non-forcible repatriation of Korean war prisoners was absolutely "unacceptable."

The Indian plan had sought to get round this by having prisoners unwilling to return home placed in charge of a commission composed of two Communist and two non-Communist nations, plus an "umpire" and if this commission was unable to deal with them, their fate would be referred to a political conference.

This conference would include all the nations involved in the Korean conflict, plus the Soviet Union. If it failed to settle the problem the prisoners would be made charges of the United Nations.

Mr. Vyshinsky repeated charges that screening of Korean war prisoners had been effected under "a system of pressure and coercion" and that prisoners had been submitted to "barbarous treatment."

Mr. Vyshinsky said: "The Indian draft resolution does not offer any satisfactory solution." He added that a paragraph of the resolution subsiding to the principle of non-forcible repatriation of prisoners was in contravention of the Geneva Convention of 1949.

He called the principle "artificially fabricated" and not compatible with the generally recognised agreements of international law.

He emphasised that the Indian proposal was not compatible with articles 118 and 119 of the Geneva Convention, which, he said, were "categorical."

He then declared: "It is clear that the Indian draft cannot be regarded as suitable as it reduces the problem only to those prisoners who voluntarily desire to be repatriated."

Mr. Vyshinsky also reflected that part of the Indian plan, which would appoint an "umpire" to cast the deciding vote in a two-and-two repatriation commission comprising Communist and non-Communist nations.

He said it was proposed that the umpire should be appointed by the General Assembly of the United Nations, although the United Nations was itself a "warring party" in the conflict.

Mr. Vyshinsky said this would be tantamount to allowing one of the parties in a law case to be appointed as "judge in his own trial."

He added that the Indian proposal in fact attempted to hide behind the principle of non-forcible repatriation in order to cover up the fact of "forcible detention."

He said the unified command in Korea has been "grossly violating fundamental principles of humanity in the treatment of prisoners."

He declared: "This so-called principle of non-forcible repatriation is unacceptable because it is a flagrant contradiction to the Geneva Convention."

"The United States is fully aware of the fact that this so-called principle cannot serve as a basis of agreement inasmuch as the Chinese-Korean Command cannot accept that principle."

"Anyone who truly seeks for a solution cannot accept that principle."

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In the crowded committee room, Mr. Vyshinsky spoke with considerable passion, frequently waving his hands for emphasis.

The American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, were present.

Mr. Vyshinsky said the position of the Western side on the prisoner issue was "unpleasant" with the usage and history of the United States itself.

He said a soldier in captivity remained bound by his oath of allegiance to the fatherland and therefore had a soldier's duty to perform.

He referred to the letters "IC" applied to the ranks of the American army—as meaning "Government Issue"—and therefore in his view proving that American soldiers belonged to the state as "chattel."

Mr. Vyshinsky said emphatically that the Indian resolution was "not designed to end the Korean War but to perpetuate it."

He added: "It is therefore unsatisfactory and unacceptable."

NO WAY OUT

Mr. Vyshinsky declared: "The Indian draft resolution offers no way out of the deadlock."

Neither the 21-nation, nor the Moscow, nor the Far East resolution offered any solution because they were based on "unjust, spurious, and therefore weak arguments," he added.

The Indian draft was unsuitable "because it does not contain anything which would be conducive to stopping the war immediately."

Mr. Vyshinsky insisted that there should be an immediate cessation of hostilities as demanded in the Polish draft resolution.

He claimed that this priority for a discussion of an immediate ceasefire had been rejected "under pressure of the United States."

The Soviet Minister then repeated his earlier demand that representatives of North Korea should be invited to the Assembly discussions as otherwise it was impossible "to consider these questions seriously."

Mr. Vyshinsky concluded by introducing formally the Soviet amended draft, which demanded the fate of Korean prisoners be referred to a 11-nation commission (containing four Communists) and settled therein by a two-thirds majority decision of that commission.

ACHESON REPLIES

Addressing the United Nations Political Committee after Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky had rejected the Indian plan, Mr. Acheson said delegates would be fully justified if they felt a

"moment of despair" after hearing the Soviet Foreign Minister.

But he thought that eventually no nation or group of nations could long withstand the "combined moral opinion of the world."

Mr. Acheson paid tribute to the "statesmanship" of Mr. Krishna Menon of India, in drafting his resolution, and expressed "deep regret" that the Soviet Union had so categorically turned it down.

The Secretary of State, in a general review of the problem, said that the United Nations in the last two years, had performed its greatest duty, "resistance to aggression."

Everyone, he said, seemed to agree that the aggression in Korea should be stopped, but there was also the need to ensure safeguards against any renewal of aggression and to reach agreement "on honourable terms."

Mr. Acheson said there were two principles to be kept in mind by the United Nations Assembly: firstly, what action by the Assembly would be best calculated to bring about an armistice consistent with the basic principles of the United Nations; secondly, what action was best calculated to determine if the Communists wished to have an honourable armistice.

NOT HELPFUL

The Secretary of State said that on these points the Soviet resolution was "not helpful."

It attempted to mix up military and political questions and thereby "to confuse the issues in both."

Referring then to the Indian resolution, Mr. Acheson said it had been "a most important and statesmanlike effort."

Mr. Acheson's main objection to the Indian resolution was the provision that the fate of the anti-Communist prisoners should be referred to a political conference on Asian matters which he said might last for years.

He said his Government had "grave doubts" about the desirability of referring the prisoners question to such a conference.

What now angle would that conference discuss in regard to the prisoners, Mr. Acheson asked.

Summing up his argument, Mr. Acheson suggested that after a certain period allowed for repatriation, any prisoners who still did not want to go home should be released and cared for by some United Nations agency.

He said the United States thought that the existing United Nations Korea Reconstruction Agency might be a suitable body to deal with the released prisoners, but if the Assembly wished to designate some other body, his Government would "certainly not object."

Mr. Acheson emphasised his Government's objection to the last clause of the Indian resolution, which he feared would leave some prisoners in "indefinite captivity" pending the outcome of the proposed political conference.

AN IMPROVEMENT

Dealing with the "umpire" for the repatriation commission proposed in the Indian resolution, Mr. Acheson thought that the suggestion of Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, that this umpire should play an integral part in the commission, was an "improvement."

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Plenty Of Xmas Fare For The Navy

London, Nov. 24. Arrangements have been made to ensure that adequate supplies of Christmas puddings, mince pies and poultry will be available for Christmas railings for the Royal Navy.

This was announced in the House of Commons today by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. James Thomas.

Pork would also be available to provide up to eight ounces per head for Christmas dinner, he added.

Crisis In Iraq

Martial Law To End Elections To Follow

Bagdad, Nov. 24. The Prime Minister, General Nuruddin Mahmoud, announced tonight the government would shortly end martial law and hold elections.

These would be based on a new electoral law and would be conducted as demanded by the Opposition, instead of in two stages.

The Premier also announced the programme of his Cabinet, the main task of which would be "to maintain order, security and safeguard the peoples' interests and lives."

"We intend to root out corruption and prevent laws being used unlawfully," he added.

The Cabinet would do its utmost to bring in general reforms "as well as provide the poor classes with foodstuffs, living quarters and clothing."

THE PROGRAMME

With regard to General Mahmoud's announcement of a new electoral law, under the present system of two-stage elections, qualified male citizens vote for the secondary electors, who in turn elect the Parliamentary Deputies.

General Mahmoud said his Cabinet had decided to carry on the following programme—

(1) Lessen present taxation.

(2) Make all degrees of higher education free of charge.

(3) Adopt certain economic policies under which the country will improve its national wealth.

(4) Strengthen the Iraqi armed forces by giving them equipments, arms and good training.

(5) Form a special legal committee to prepare a new electoral law, so that the forthcoming elections can be carried out directly instead of in two stages as at present.

PUBLIC WARNED

General Mutallib Amin in a communique tonight warned the public against staging any demonstrations or assembling in the streets, parks and squares.

"In spite of my orders that demonstrations be stopped and forbidding the assembly of more than five persons in one place, demonstrations continued today," he said.

"I warn everybody that the Army will do its utmost to stop demonstrations by all possible means and at whatever cost."

The communique said that people caught in the streets during the curfew will be sentenced to three years' imprisonment and/or 100 dinars (£100) fine.—Reuter.

SUDAN TALKS . PROGRESS

Cairo, Nov. 24. General Mohamed Naguib, the Egyptian Premier, and the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, today made further progress on the question of self-determination in the Sudan. It was officially announced.

A joint statement after their two and a half hours' meeting said: "The Prime Minister and the British Ambassador resumed discussions concerning the Sudan question. The talks which began last week made further progress. The next meeting is fixed for Wednesday, Nov. 26."—Reuter.



Kenya police, supported by the King's African Rifles, have been rounding up livestock during this campaign against the Mau Mau to punish tribesmen in the Kikuyu reserve of the Kenyan. The tribesmen live in a district where two weeks ago Senior Chief Nderi was hacked to death by a Mau Mau mob and two accompanying policemen slaughtered. Several thousand cattle, sheep, and goats were confiscated and are here seen in Gacatha market place after the round-up.—London Express.

CHURCHILL RESHUFFLES HIS GOVERNMENT

London, Nov. 24. Prime Minister Winston Churchill tonight announced a surprise reshuffle of his Government, including changes in three key Cabinet posts.

The changes were made necessary by the illness of 69-year-old Lord Woolton, one of his chief lieutenants.

An official announcement from 10 Downing Street said that the Marquess of Salisbury, 59, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, would replace Viscount Woolton as Lord President of the Council—a non-departmental post.

Viscount Swinton, 68, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister of Materials, will succeed Lord Salisbury as Commonwealth Relations Secretary of State and will be promoted to a seat in the Cabinet.

Lord Woolton, now recovering from acute peritonitis and pneumonia, becomes Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, a non-departmental office, but retaining his Cabinet seat.

These three changes—the only Cabinet alternations—will not take effect until December 15 when the Commonwealth Prime Ministers will have ended their conference here.

Sir Arthur Salter, who was Minister of State for Economic Affairs, becomes Minister of Materials and his previous post of Minister of State disappears.

Lord Lloyd is appointed Joint Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department (with the special responsibility for Welsh affairs) in succession to Mr. David Llewellyn, who resigned through illness.

Two further appointments are: Economic Secretary to the Treasury—Mr. Reginald Maudling.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Aviation—Mr. Dennis Proffumo.

Mr. Proffumo succeeds Mr. Maudling.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, is ill and will be unable to attend the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference. His duties will be discharged by Lord Swinton, the announcement said.

Lord Salisbury will continue to act as Government leader in the House of Lords.

Authoritative sources said Lord Woolton will not be able to take part in Government business for some time.

The changes are a reshuffle of present Ministers except for Lord Lloyd and Mr. Proffumo, who are newcomers to the Government.—Reuter.

Hiss Denied Parole

Washington, Nov. 24. Alger Hiss on Monday was denied a parole.

The US Parole Board announced it had turned down the application of the former State Department official, now serving a five-year term for perjury.

Hiss was convicted of perjury—lying when under oath—denying that he ever gave secret government documents to Communist agents.

He became eligible for parole last Friday.

Board members disclosed last week they had received more than 50,000 letters and telegrams expressing pro and con views on whether he should be paroled.

A prisoner becomes eligible for parole when he has served one-third of his sentence.

Hiss, now 48, persistently denied that he was guilty of the crime charged to him.

He contends that he eventually will be vindicated.—Associated Press.

Plane Crashes Into Stream

Edgewood, Maryland, Nov. 24. An Air Force B-50 four-engine bomber crashed into a small stream today while taking off from the Edgewood Army Arsenal.

Air Force officials said nine crewmen were on board, of whom at least one was killed, four survived and four others were missing.

The Arsenal, close by Chesapeake Bay, is about 10 miles northeast of Baltimore.—United Press.

Latest About Typhoon Della

Manila, Nov. 23. The typhoon Della with 80-mile winds was passing over Northern Luzon and part of Central Luzon this morning and the Weather Bureau said it would intensify when it reached the China Sea.

It was forecast to move north-west at 14 miles an hour after reaching the Sea. A storm reported yesterday to be off North-eastern Luzon had weakened and merged with Della, according to the Bureau.—United Press.

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New American Weapon!

London, Nov. 24. Moscow Radio accused the United States today of using a dangerous weapon in Western Europe — American comics.

Charging the Americans with attacks in Korea through napalm bombs and bacteriological weapons, the Soviet mouthpiece went on to denounce the comics as "yet another crime against mankind."

Moscow said the Americans were "flooding Western Europe with ideological and moral poison in an attempt to corrupt the younger generation in France, Britain and other countries to prepare them as cannon-fodder." — Associated Press.

A Special Brew For Coronation

London, Nov. 24. Special beers, twice as strong as those now on sale in Britain, will be available during the Coronation period next year.

The new beer will have a gravity of about 60 compared with the present average of 43.

The bottles will have a special label bearing a crown. Brewers hope to persuade the authorities that hotels should remain open longer than usual during the celebrations.

A spokesman at a brewers' exhibition at Olympia, London, who made the announcement, claimed that television was changing Britain's beer drinking habits. He said persons now made a quick visit to public houses and took home a few bottles, rather than miss the television.

More than 600 different bottled beers are competing at the exhibition. In addition, there are 420 draught beers and 84 types of beer from the Commonwealth.

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London, Nov. 24. Some weeks ago, an RAF mechanic was killed when the ejection seat of a jet fighter plane he was sitting in discharged and hurled him to the roof of the hangar.

It took this man's death to impress on Britons the extent of the power needed so that a pilot can bale out safely during 600 mile-an-hour combat flying.

It is a dangerous piece of mechanism, demanding skilled use. Pilots must know exactly how to sit when they fire the charge. Speed is essential, too, or the pilot may lose his chance. In everything, a jet-flier has to move and think faster than any other human being every minute he is in the air. And never faster than when he has to abandon his plane.

He needs plenty of practice. But this, quite understandably, has to be limited to the ground. So the RAF has devised a ground-training method which drills all fledgling pilots in high-speed ejection in an emergency.

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Red Judge Flees To The West

Berlin, Nov. 24. Alfred Trapp, 35, a Soviet zone "People's Judge" who after one year in a Communist law school became a member of a court which sentenced many "saboteurs" to death by hanging, has fled to West Berlin. It is disclosed.

In consequence hundreds of others who have tried before him to flee westwards from the Communist held zone to protest against the Refugee Commission's decision to give Trapp immediate status as "citizen of the West."

This means for him a free plane ride out of the Berlin danger zone to the safety of West Germany, housing priority and State support until he finds work.

The decision leaves indignant other East Zone victims who after fleeing West could not prove that they were in danger through being on the secret police "Wanted" list.

Normally only one refugee in 25 is given the coveted status of political refugee. Others have to stay for months in transit camps.

The "Free lawyers," a refugee group of legal experts, have announced they will do all they can to get the Trapp decision reversed.

Judge Trapp said when he arrived in West Berlin he could no longer square his activity as a judge with his conscience.

He was assistant to "Red Hilde" — the story Communist woman judge who is acting President of the East German Supreme Court. "Red Hilde" specialises in political trials to which East German workers are marched in hundreds to watch Western "agents and wreckers" confess they tried to sabotage State factories in East Germany.

Another Eisenhower Appointment

New York, Nov. 24. President-elect Eisenhower announced today the selection of Mr. Ezra T. Benson, a former official of the National Council of Farmer-Co-operators, as Secretary of Agriculture.

Mr. Benson, 53, was a supporter of Senator Robert Taft's campaign for the Republican nomination. He is a member of the Mormon Church. — Reuter.

Mr. Adams will occupy the post now held by Mr. John R. Steelman, under President Truman.

Both appointments will be sent to the Senate for confirmation after Mr. Eisenhower's inauguration.

Mr. Adams served as Mr. Eisenhower's campaign manager. — Reuter.

ROYAL NAVY MEMORIALS

Portsmouth, Nov. 24. The Portsmouth Naval Memorial, which the Queen Mother will unveil on April 20, is one of three being constructed by the Imperial War Graves Commission linking at each main port of the Commonwealth who in the two wars gave their lives and have no grave but the sea.

Other memorials are at Chatham and Plymouth. That at Chatham was unveiled last month by the Duke of Edinburgh.

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Problems For The Prime Ministers

(By A Special Correspondent)

WHEN the Commonwealth Prime Ministers meet in London on Thursday to discuss economic problems, they will have before them a report on one of the most exhaustive inquiries ever conducted into the question of Commonwealth development.

The report is the result of weeks of patient work by a group of Commonwealth officials which began soon after the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' talks in London last January. It has not been published, and no hint of its contents has been allowed to leak out; but there can be no doubt of its importance.

What it contains must, of course, remain a matter for speculation. But it would be surprising if the views expressed in it differ in any essential respect from those formed privately by many independent observers.

The document can hardly fail to stress the two cardinal points in any consideration of development problems. These are:

1. That Commonwealth development is not simply a matter of producing more of the things we have been producing.

2. That if the Commonwealth is to be developed so as to take the greatest advantage of its enormous economic potential, some forms of production must be expanded and other curtailed.

UNECONOMIC

THERE is probably no country in the Commonwealth which does not support at least some uneconomic industries. All over the world there has been a tendency since the war to develop secondary industries, and this has been done only at the expense of agricultural production. Declining rural populations have had to support an increasing number of industrial workers, with the result that food exports have fallen while consumer goods flooded the world's markets. The post-war development of the Australian economy is an extreme example of this tendency to misuse national resources. The movement of labour away from

the land and into the cities began logically enough. It started as a means of increasing production in order to offset wartime shortages, but continued after the war when government policy was preoccupied with the rapid development of a full-scale industrial economy.

The Australian experience has not been a happy one. When the post-war boom came to an end, the Australian Government was compelled to take emergency measures to cut down imports and curtail the development plans of the States. Meanwhile, primary production has fallen, Australia, once a great food exporting country, is now in danger of becoming dependent on outside sources of supply for part of its own food requirements.

OFF RAILS

BUT Australia is not the only country where economic development has gone off the rails. The aim of the Prime Ministers' conference must be to restore the balance, so as to enable the Commonwealth to take advantage of the natural resources which it possesses in abundance, and for which there is an expanding world demand. At the same time, industrial production must be concentrated in those countries which are best equipped for the task.

And in deciding which Commonwealth industries should be developed, the Prime Ministers will no doubt be guided by the recent Paley Report on the likely trends of United States demand for raw materials over the next 25 years. There are important lessons to be learned from this report, and one of them is that Commonwealth development must take the form of an expansion of primary production.

According to the Paley Commission, American demand will increase enormously in the future for such raw materials as cobalt, bauxite, copper, lead, zinc, chrome, manganese, and wool—all important Commonwealth products. Demand for tin and rubber is expected to decline, but that for dairy produce, sugar and wool should increase.

GLOOMY

IN a recent article on the development needs of the Commonwealth, "The Banker" analysed the Paley Report and noted, with some concern, that the sterling area's four chief dollar earners today—rubber, tin, jute and wool—may all face a rather gloomy future. "It is obvious, therefore," the paper said, "that a major switch within primary production in the overseas sterling area is needed, as well as a major switch from the factories to the fields."

Though the Commonwealth's main preoccupation must be

main for many years to come with its capacity to earn dollars, it must, at the same time, concern itself with the raw material needs of the rest of the world. A good deal of potential American demand for raw materials will be satisfied at home by the development of synthetic materials, but there are other important industrial countries which have neither the technical facilities nor the same pressing need to concentrate on the large-scale production of substitutes. These countries will in all probability continue to regard the Commonwealth as the natural source of supply for many of their raw material requirements.

The Paley Report has a particular message for the food producing countries of the Commonwealth. While American consumption of wool is expected to increase by only 29 per cent over the next 25 years, a huge increase is forecast for American imports of foodstuffs. Dairy produce imports, for example, are expected to rise by no less than 400 per cent during the next quarter of a century.

NEW MARKET

"THE Banker" comments on this aspect of the Report: "It seems clear that if New Zealand and Eire succeed in expanding their exports of butter and cheese to the American market, (which is at present effectively closed to such imports by American import and agricultural policy) and in diverting meat exports to dollar markets, they should be able to look forward to a considerable rise in dollar earnings. Similarly if Australia manages to prevent its exportable surpluses of foodstuffs from declining to vanishing point in the next ten or twenty-five years, it should find a new dollar market opening before it. It should be remembered that the demand for many food products should be less susceptible to American recessions and to the development of synthetic substitutes than that for industrial raw materials. This is, therefore, a market that is particularly worth cultivating."

But unless something drastic is done to expand Commonwealth production of the raw materials for which American demand is expected to rise, the actual dollar earnings of the sterling area will be less in 1975 (at 1950 prices) than they are at present. To offset the expected decline in United States imports of sterling tin and rubber, the Commonwealth must therefore begin now to diversify its output in those industries which promise the greatest rewards in dollar markets.

This calls for immediate measures to develop Commonwealth and Colonial mining industries. It is at this point, however, that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers will come up against one of their greatest problems. It is one thing to decide in which direction to concentrate development efforts, but quite another to

know where the capital to finance it is to come from. Britain's part in the development of the Commonwealth must be to switch resources away from the consumer goods industries into those producing capital goods, and also to earn a large enough surplus on her balance of payments to enable her to provide some of the finance needed for overseas development. But, as the Finance Ministers clearly recognised when they discussed this problem last January, outside capital will have to be sought to fill the gap between what the Commonwealth can provide itself and what is needed to carry out large-scale development schemes.

But they also acknowledged the fact that outside capital will never be forthcoming in adequate quantities until sterling regains its former status as a freely convertible currency. A consideration of the possibilities of restoring at least a limited measure of sterling convertibility is therefore necessary for a full understanding of the problems which the Commonwealth Prime Ministers will try to solve.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

German Challenge To France

From Denis Martin

Bonn. SEVEN of Western Germany's leaders, meeting in the closely-guarded, gleaming white Schauburg Palace, on the Rhine, have hammered out Germany's first major postwar challenge to France.

It is a challenge that threatens the achievement of the United States, European Army, and ratification of the "End the Occupation" treaties.

For the seven men have launched a new, nationalist and all-party appeal to the 1,000,000 inhabitants of the bitterly-contested coal and steel borderland of the Saar.

"Don't vote," they urge, "in the elections of November 30, if you do go to the polling booth, make your vote invalid."

Germany, adds the proclamation of the seven, will never recognise the results of this election.

Germany demands freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of political parties in the Saar, a territory long contested for by both Germany and France.

Seventy-six-year-old Premier Konrad Adenauer himself pro-

FAILURE OF A MISSION

By Peter Lovegrove

ALBANIA is an ideal guerrilla country. In this small, wild and rugged country, bordering on Greece and Yugoslavia, the roads are few, tortuous and ill-maintained; there are no railways; the mountains are hard even for a mule to cross; the valleys are often boggy and the coastal plain is malarial; the people have a long history, are tough, very proud of themselves, and are wont to call themselves the "Eagles of the Mountains."

It seemed to the Allies in 1943 that it should not be too difficult to kindle a fanatical guerrilla warfare along the German lines of communications there as in Greece and Yugoslavia which would become more and more intolerable to the enemy. He would thus eventually be faced either to accept defeat or withdrawal, with all the loss of strategic advantage, men, material and prestige that would involve, or to reinforce his garrisons, with consequent advantage to the Allies on every front.

British Military Missions were sent to all three countries to support and develop the resistance movements. Several books have been published about their achievements and failures in Yugoslavia and Greece; now, with "Illyrian Venture" by Brigadier Davies, we have the detailed and depressing story of the Albanian Mission, and the picture is complete.

Brigadier Davies, of the Royal Ulster Rifles, as dogged and tough a Regular as the British Army ever produced, led the ill-fated mission to the "White Land" of the Balkans. He went through life with the nickname "Trotsky," gained at Sandhurst for his display, in the words of one of his instructors, of "independence, intolerance, humour and a kind of disciplined bolshevism."

The Task

AN outstanding leader in both peace and war, he won the Military Cross in the first few months of his service in Mesopotamia in 1920, added a bar to it, in Palestine in 1938, and earned the DSO when the record of his gallantry in Albania became known.

His Mission set out from Middle East towards the end of 1943, and parachuted into the mountainous centre of the country. Its task was to contact the leaders of the resistance groups, find out which were really fighting against the Axis and back them with gold, supplies and ammunition; teach them sabotage and show them how to ambush and shoot up German convoys.

He quickly appreciated that he could have brought the country to a standstill with two brigades of British troops

or half a dozen Commandos, but the Mission failed completely to accomplish anything. He found himself plucked into an extremely tricky political situation, with civil war about to break out, all the parties mainly interested in manoeuvring to control the country once hostilities between the Big Powers had ended, and some 40,000 to 50,000 Italian troops at large since the collapse of Italy complicating the issue.

A Prisoner

"TROTSKY" negotiated with all the groups—the well-organised Communist partisans under Enver Hoxha, who now controls the country and is closely linked to the Communists; the Ball Kombetar and the Zogists (supporters of ex-King Zog), who eventually collaborated with the Germans. At first they agreed to drop their differences, and all seemed very keen to say they were fighting the Boche without actually doing so.

"I signed to think what we could have been there to fight to free Albania," he wrote. "There were too many political groups, too many people ready to let others do the fighting—everyone looking to the postwar position."

Soon these groups were fighting among themselves, and the British party themselves were the victims of partisan lack of discipline and foresight. As they were moving south with Hoxha to avoid a resolute German drive to round them up, "Trotsky" Davies was severely wounded in the body and fell into enemy hands.

Nightmare Trip

THE Brigadier never completely recovered from his wounds. His terrible experiences from the time he was hit by Spandau fire in a mountain path in the bitter Balkan winter of 1943/44 to his liberation from the notorious Codditz castle by U.S. forces in May 1945, provide a most striking record of gallantry and endurance—and of the Germans' extraordinary mixture of brutality, stupidity and kindness.

He had a nightmare journey down the steep mountain paths on a stretcher, ice making treacherous every step his bearers took. He had a succession of operations in Tirana hospitals, the first of which he describes as follows:

"I was fully conscious when he started to operate. An orderly held a towel in front of my face so that I could not see the surgeons. I felt him make a long incision, and then another. At some stage they rolled me on to my side to drain away the blood. I heard it splash on the floor and saw the surgeon taking his feet out of range of the drips. I passed out. I next remember being lifted off the operating table and carried back to my ward, but remember little more for a month."

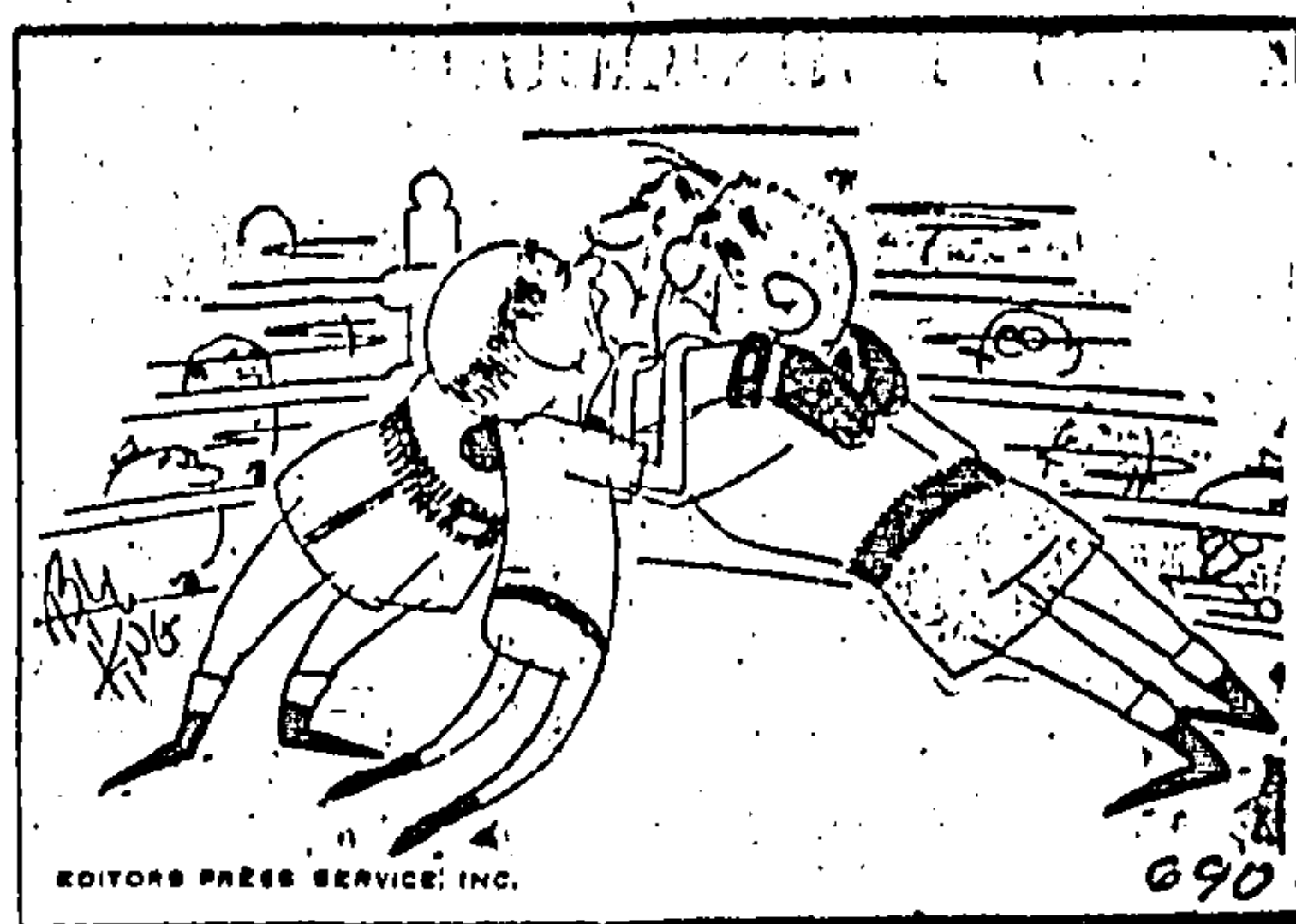
Then came more treatment in a Belgrade hospital, a month in the Benica Concentration Camp, where 17,000 inmates were shot in batches of 450, several Vienna gals; a foreign workers' punishment camp at Ober Landendorf (where Englishwomen were imprisoned); Mauthausen, where 122,700 Allied prisoners were done to death; a Stalag for other ranks, and lastly, chained to other prisoners, to Colditz.

Close beside the Stalag was a battle school, where formations were sent to polish up their movement with fire before going to the front.

Death Notice

"I was interested in the animal management of the Wehrmacht, horses being kept in the most perfect condition, with well-titting saddlery," he wrote. "I could never understand why some units had no pride in their animals, which were in poor condition, had been overworked and under-fed, with badly-fitting harnesses." The orders officers told him: "Oh, those are prisoners of war horses, captured from the Poles and the French. Therefore they have twice as much work on half rations. You do not expect us to treat them the same as our own good German horses, do you?"

The wonder is that Brigadier Davies can have gone through all that and then come out alive, and able to carry on his work in the Army as a trainer and commander of troops. He went on to command an Infantry Brigade in Greece and another in Palestine before he took up his final command—a South Wales Territorial formation. While there he worked on his story in his spare time, and the day before he died he posted the final draft to the publishers. It actually reached the desk of the head of the firm with a notice of his death pinned to it.



"Mind if I get on this clinch? I'm bushed too."

• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

A TORY meeting was told the other day that "Trafalgar Square, when the fountain is not playing, is like the Black Hole of Calcutta." There are many replies one can make to that kind of phrase.

1. So is Greenwich Observatory.
2. And when the fountain is playing, it is like the Great Wall of China.
3. Nor does Mrs. Jell.
4. Especially on Thursdays.
5. That is because of the Gulf Stream.
6. It all depends what you mean by anything.

How it works

The whetstone is placed in the copping - rotator at the end of the emergency - unchanged, at B, and all goes as smoothly as a sack of charcoal in mid-autumn. Simple file-rotated.

Potage: What is the purpose of this rotating-rotator. If the whetstone is unchanged? Myself: Most everything has a purpose? Does beauty unimpaired, put no part in your drab life?

Potage Barbibou: BIRDS-NEST soup being in the news again, I am surprised that

no go-ahead restaurant in London has tried to popularise it. People are probably afraid that the inferior nests of inferior birds would be used and they realise that they can get quacker dainties than mud and snipe's stool and twice in most restaurants today. Mr. Hilaire Belloc long ago put the matter very neatly:

Birds in their little nests agree With Chalmers—but not with me. The Chalks of Central Baluchistan eat bird-soup, but that is another and a drearier story.

Oh!

A JUDGE said recently that he was afraid to go to auctions lest he should be thought to be bidding when he was only breathing. A Swiss tourist who went into an auction room to rest during an attack of hiccups found himself the disgusted owner of twelve hideous cruets, a parrot-cage, a four-volume history of Ecuador, an electric milking machine, two stuffed weasels, and a grey enamel bath. But that was nothing to the scene at Christmas, caused by two rival ventriloquists among the crowd.

Potage Barbibou

MANY a brewer, well knowing the queer chemicals which are put into what is still called beer, must be hugging himself sick as he listens to his defenders denying indignantly that beer is watered.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

BORN today, you are one of the unfortunates of this world. You are an independent thinker and never follow the beaten path and you can open up a new one... and you always seem to be able to tell your psychic powers are better than anyone else's and you are able to sense, often in advance, things that may happen in the future. Let us use this special gift wisely or it can bring heartache in your life as well as those you love. Very often, you must learn to be a little more tolerant of the views of others, or you will not make as many friends as you should. You have a deep feeling for the sufferings of all mankind and want to do something constructive about them. You can become a real power for good in this direction. You have excellent executive powers and do your best work when you

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A fine day for love and romance. Lay the foundations for a happy and contented future.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—Don't be impulsive in making business decisions. Think them over very carefully, first.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Stand up for your own rights. Don't let a newcomer take what should be yours.
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—There are times when friends can make very constructive suggestions. This is one of them. Seek advice.

DUMB-BELLS

DO YOU WANT A LARGE OR SMALL HEAD OF CABBAGE? OH, ABOUT A SEVEN AND A QUARTER SIZE!



• BARBS •

By HAL COCHRAN
NOTHING makes a girl laugh at a joke like pretty front teeth.

Certain people tell the truth—uncertain ones are likely not to.

A bargain sale is an arrangement whereby a woman can ruin one dress and buy another.

There is a place for everything—except your fingers under some of the short tables in restaurants.

An American bride asked for a divorce because her husband threw his dinner at her. Did she catch the can?

A style expert is a person who gets women to pay more for less clothes.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Watch Your Timing And Forget Worries

By OSWALD JACOBY

"HOW do you choose what to play for in this hand?" asks a Danbury correspondent. "When I played the hand, I won the first trick with the ace of clubs, drew trumps, and tried for a 3-3 club break. When this failed I led a diamond from dummy, hoping that East held the ace."

"He didn't have you can see, and I lost the slam. My wife told me later that I could have ruffed out the queen of hearts. But how was I to know?"

It isn't necessary to choose a particular line of play in this hand. If you time the tricks carefully you can play for everything. Correct play is to win the first trick with the ace of clubs and lead out four rounds of trumps, my check, red calf shoes with white trimmings. Her clothes are obviously influenced by Hollywood, but she gives them an English air.

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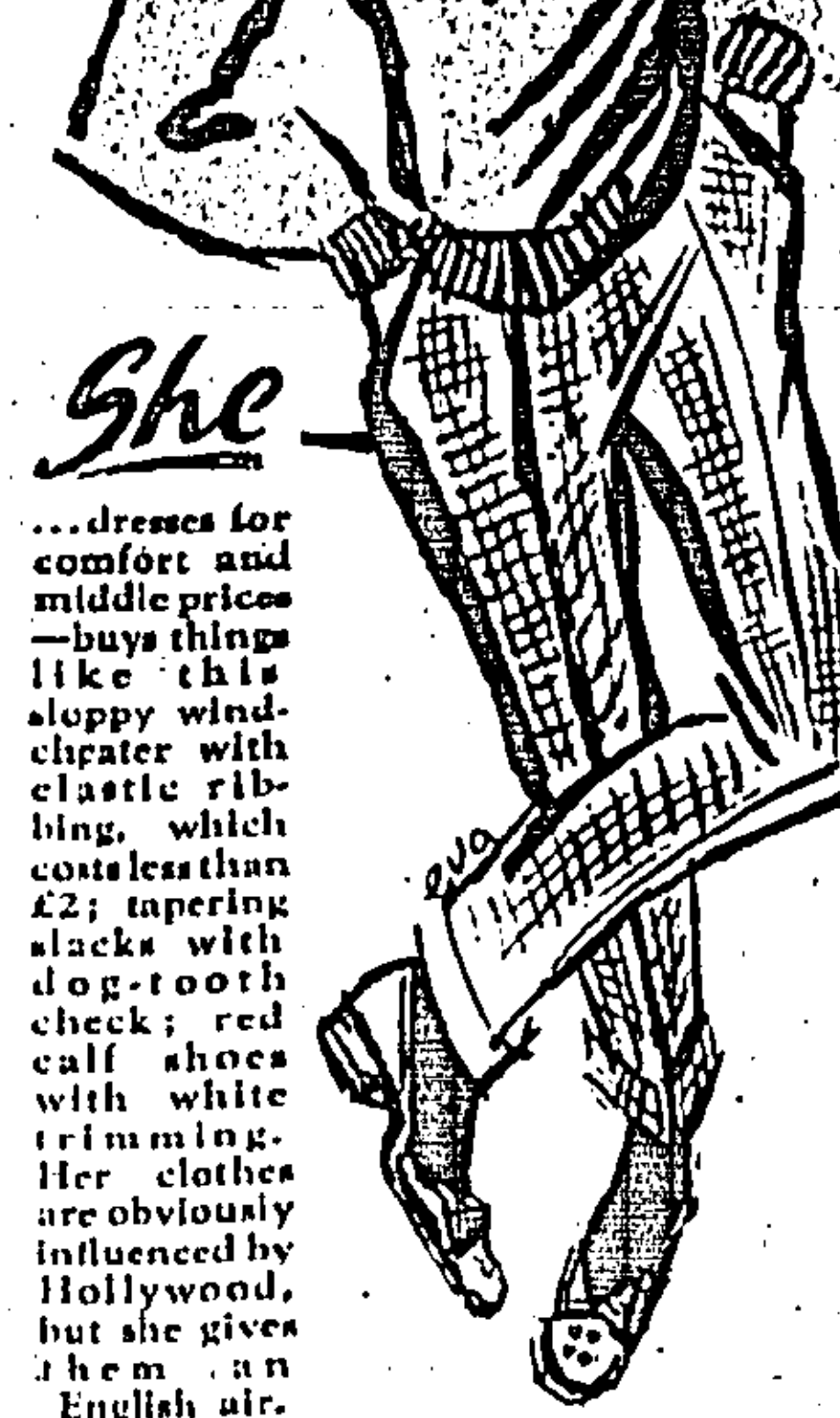
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WOMANSENSE



and EVA shows the things to buy her

SHE IS THE BE-BOP TYPE

KNOW HER by the jersey cap with outside pompom. It costs around £2. Her colour: royal blue.

SHE'D LIKE to get as a present a permanent pony of forget-me-nots and silk rose in a Cellophane box—the sort of thing that's popular with American college girls. OR sandals with coloured straps that she can wear for dancing. They cost less than £2.

SHE IS THE HOMELY GIRL

KNOW HER by the crochet hat with fringe in vividly contrasting colour—for under £1.

SHE'D LIKE a warm, angular stole in reversible colours—pretty and sensible and under £2. OR (for half the price) a feisty apron in starched cotton to wear when she's learning to be a housewife.

SHE IS THE OUTDOOR GIRL

KNOW HER by the new white car-muffs in nylon fur. Not so dear as you'd think.

SHE'D LIKE a woollen scarf and belt that can be bought in varying colour combinations for less than £2. OR—and this is slightly cheaper—knitted ski gloves with gay colours and designs.

SHE IS THE HIGHBROW TYPE

KNOW HER by the chic button-on hat that has velvet finish; in 25s.-30s. range.

SHE'D LIKE to have a cool and classic set of winged collar and cuffs in white pique, which cost more than the olive or mineral oils that have been used in the past.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

If rust should appear on wrought iron, rub it off with steel wool and kerosene. If the piece is badly rusted, soak it for a time in kerosene (outdoors), then rub with steel wool. All rust should be removed; if any remains, it will spread under the paint. Wrought iron furniture must be kept well painted. The first coat should be red lead or aluminium paint, then two or more coats of ornamental paint are required.

DEVILLED CHEESE
ON OUR OWN AGAIN, DAD!
I'VE GAVE UP A BIT OF CHEESE FOR THIS!

HERE! GRATE THIS 2oz CHEESE WHILE I MAKE SOME TOAST
AND 2 TABLE-SPONS MARG AND ADD THE CHEESE
AND A PINCH OF DRIED MUSTARD, AND A TINY PINCH OF CAYENNE

NOW MELT 2 TABLE-SPONS MARG AND ADD THE CHEESE
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COOK IT GENTLY STIRRING TILL THE CHEESE MELTS
AND POUR IT OVER THE DRY TOASTS

THIS IS A SUPER-WEALTHY RABBIT, DAD!
AND A SUPER-BOTTLE OF ALE TO GO WITH IT, TOO!

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Other Side Of The Pond

—Walking Is the Surest Way of Getting There—

By MAX TRELL

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They'll Sail Across

"Now we've got a sailboat," said Knarf. "Step on and I'll sail you across."

"This is very clever of you, lad. But who is going to push us?"

"The wind will. It always pushes sailboats."

So Glive got on the sailboat, house and all, and Knarf got it into the water. Then the wind came along and pushed against the leaf and the whole boat started sailing across the pond.

"This is delightful," cried Glive. "I never knew the wind could do so much good!"

"The wind likes to blow," said Knarf. "It doesn't mind blowing a sailboat across the pond."

They were very near the other side, when all of a sudden the wind changed and the sailboat began blowing back to where they came from. There was nothing that Knarf could do to stop it. Back, back, back it went, un-

Other Side of Pond

"Ah, I'm going a long way off. I'm going to the other side of the pond."

"That's not very far," said Knarf.

"It isn't very far across, lad," said Glive. "But it's a long way around. I don't swim. I have to walk around."

"I know a quicker way," said Knarf. "I'll sail you across."

"With your house?" said Glive.

"With your house," said Knarf. "There was a piece of bark lying on the bank, and Knarf

pushed it into the water and held it against the bank. Then he got a leaf and stuck it in a crack in the bank.

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Treatment For Enlarged Pores

By HELEN FOLLETT

PUTTING the dull finish on shining noses must use up millions of powder pads every year. This popular ritual gives only temporary relief, but serves as a com-

fort nevertheless.

The girls with shiny noses and oily skin are afraid of creams as a rule, but there are times when cosmetics should be applied. One time is after exposure to strong sunlight or when the skin is chapped. But creams should be removed at night unless the complexion is the supersensitive type. An important part of lubricating the face is to keep the pores open by using light tapping motions necessary for distributing the cream. These act favourably upon the tissues and underlying fibres.

Expanded Pores

Excessive oiliness is inclined to make the pores expand, so an ice cold astringent should be applied daily. Use it after creaming your face or in the morning after washing the face with cold water.

A factor that also helps the good work of improving oily skin is cutting down on fats in the diet—cream, butter, fatty meats, pastries—that cause sebaceous glands to riot beyond reason.

Complexion Mask

Some beauticians recommend the weekly application of a complexion pack or mask. Kneelin is used for the purpose. It is our old friend Fuller's Earth made clean and sterile.

Place two tablespoonsful in a small bowl, add enough water to form a mixture of the consistency of whipped cream. Apply to a clean skin surface, using your fingertips, a silver butter knife or patter.

Then treat yourself to half an hour of relaxation—it never does anyone a bit of harm these delicious days. By that time the pack has started to flake. Remove with tepid water, dry your sacred complexion, pat on ice cold witch hazel.

The one big advantage of dry, coarse hair is that it takes a permanent wave well. Thin, silky, oily hair on the other hand, is often a trial to even the most experienced operator.

Dry hair is that way because the sebaceous glands in the scalp have practically shut up shop and gone out of business. Nature put them there to exude oil on the shafts and thus keep the hair healthy and well-lubricated so that the shafts don't break easily.

Oil Treatment

To overcome dry hair, an oil or ointment should be used

once a week, the night before the shampoo. Cosmeticians make special oils nowadays that are more effective than either the olive or mineral oils that have been used in the past.

Begin the treatment with a brisk brushing to remove surface dust, treating a strand at a time. Brush from the crown of the head down toward the front, the sides and the nape line. Then, brushing away from the face, form several partings, trickling the oil along them with a large medicine dropper. After that you give your brain roof a grand old pummeling, lifting and pinching the flesh toward the back of the head, and to get the blood streams romping. Wrap your head in a towel, pinned tightly, let the oil remain on over night. Much better than the beauty-shop method of letting the oil remain on while you have a facial or a manicure.

SEAFOOD SAVOURY

Try out the following menu if you want a change and like a seafood savoury. All measurements given in the recipes are level, and the quantities serve four persons.

Tomato Soup

Clams Saute on Toast

Cracked Whole Potatoes

New Beets Radish-Cabbage Slaw

Jellied Fruits Lemon Cup Cakes

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Cream—1/4 c. margarine or shortening until soft. Then cream in 1 c. sugar, the grated rind 1/2 lemon and 2 beaten eggs. Continue to cream together 1 1/2 c. sifted enriched flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, and 3 tsp. baking powder. Beat into the first mixture alternately with 1/2 c. whole or skim milk. Transfer to oiled deep muffin pans filling them two-thirds full. Sprinkle each. Bake 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F. Makes 12.

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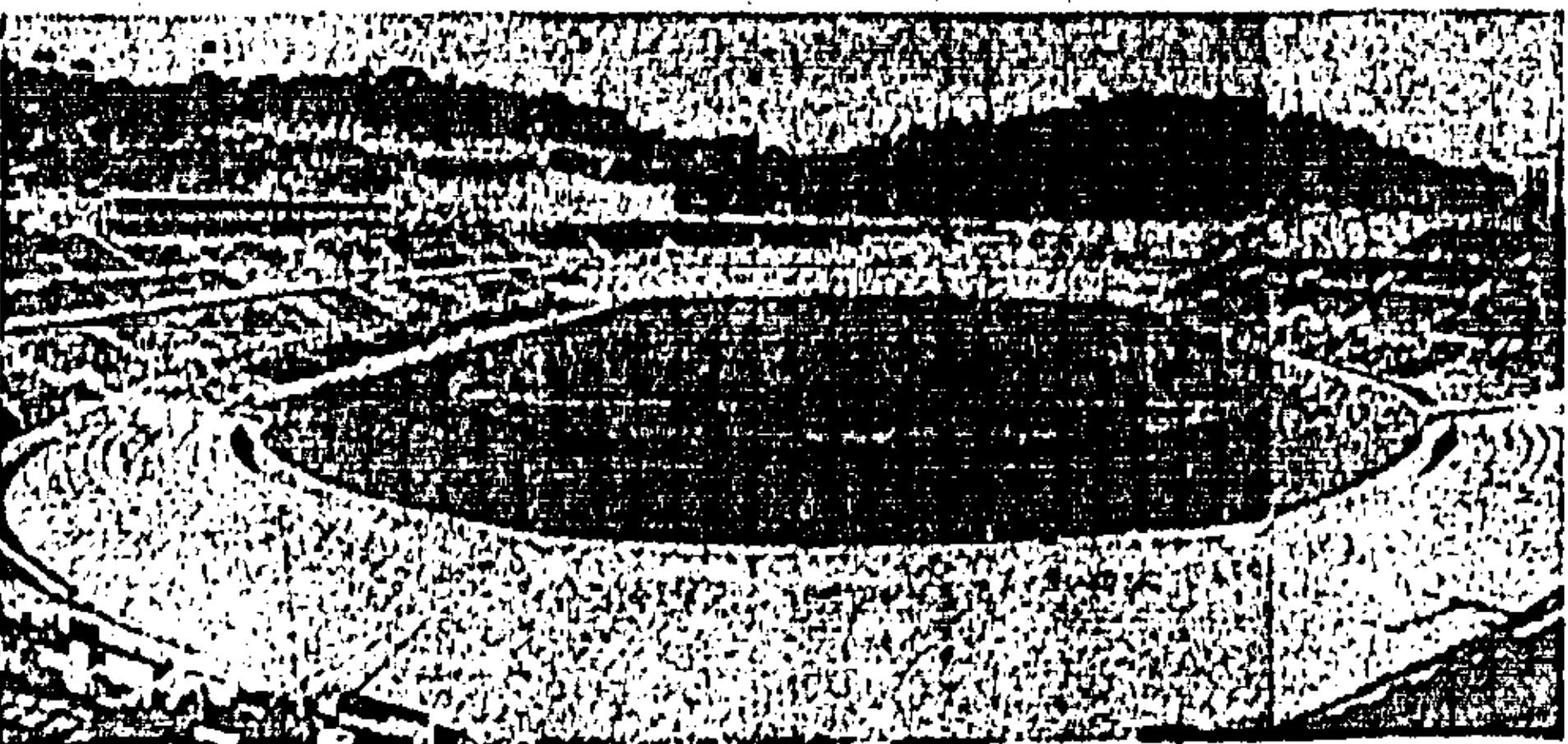
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ITALY'S NEW MAMMOTH STADIUM

Nearing completion is the new vast sports stadium which will be opened next spring in Rome. It will seat 25,000 with standing space for 25,000, and is said that on special occasions the stadium will hold 100,000.

It will have 21 big entrance and exit doors; 30 restaurant bars; 109 public telephone booths; a special cabin for radio correspondents overlooking the stadium, and, on a lower plane, another correspondents' box holding 576 pressmen, each with his own stool and table. Express Photo.



CADDIE BECOMES NO. 1 AMERICAN PRO GOLFER

By JAMES GOODFELLOW

Rise of 32-year-old Hungarian-born Julius Boros, chosen America's professional golfer of the year, has no parallel in British golf. His £13,000 prize money compares with the £1,100 or more of Britain's leaders.

Australian Norman von Nida in his six trips to Britain won 15 tournaments and £6,500.

Boros, 14-stroke winner of the United States National Open and the so-called world championship at Chicago, who has knocked Sam Snead and Ben Hogan from their pedestals, only turned professional in 1950.

He began as a caddy, played basketball and baseball and was outstanding as an amateur golfer.

Last year he won £1,600 finishing as the year's 34th money winner. In his first year his prize money was less than £700 and he was not in the first 50.

Secret of his success is his ability to recover from trouble and brilliant putting.

WOMEN'S ORDEAL
The gale-and-rain ordeal of the women players in the English Closed championship won by Pam Davies at Westward Ho in the first week of October, has revived the agitation for a change of date.

The Association's interim committee are to ask the annual meeting in London next month to consider whether it should be played at the same time as the other national championships—during the last week in May or the first week in June.

If a change is decided on, I hope there will be no clash of fixtures; this would be harmful to the interests of women's golf.

NO SPONSOR
The Southern Professional Golfers' Association have not found a sponsor for their Coronation year championship.

They want to hold the contest for the title separate from the qualifying stage of the Match Play championship. Next year the joint meeting will be at Mill Hill, Aug. 19-20.

INVITATION
Open champion Bobby Locke, before flying home recently, told master golfer Harry Weetman and Eric Brown, who took part in the Walker Heath challenge match, that they would be invited to play in South African events.

For most of our professionals this will be a stay-at-home winter. Two or three may go to Australia in March.

Said 1951 Open Champion Max Faulkner: "As the next few months are to be given to teaching, I will have to keep my own swing in shape by playing in Alliance contests. This is the first time since the war I have not been cashing in on events abroad."

Ryder Cup men Dai Rees and Arthur Lees, perhaps with an eye on the Ryder Cup match, will also devote themselves to club interests.

—(London Express Service)

ALTERATIONS TO JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATION

The following are the alterations to the Classification List: To Class 1—Anna from Class 2. To Class 2—Golden Dahlia from Class 3. To Class 3—Sally from Class 4. To Class 4—Easy Sun from Class 5. To Class 5—Calamity from Class 6. To Class 6—Norse Lady from Class 7. To Class 7—Some Fun from Class 8. To Class 8—Courtier from Class 9. To Class 9—Gem from Class 7.

League Badminton
Playing in the Men's Doubles "C" Division Badminton League match at Craigengower last night, Tylam beat OCC "Yellow" by 3-0.

P.K. Lau and C.K. Chen (CCC) lost to H.Y. Lui and L.C. Wong 2-3; beat P.M. Yip and T.C. Mak 3-1; lost to Leo Leong and C.C. Yew 1-3.

Zander Tsok and V.H. Oliveira lost to Lui and Wong 1-3; beat Yip and Mak 3-1; lost to Leong and Yew 0-3.

Thomas Tung and W.H. Wong lost to Lui and Wong 10-21; beat Yip and Mak 21-20; lost to Leong and Yew 7-21.

Minor League Review

The Invincible Wahoo Owls Are Soaring Out Of Reach Of The Rest Of The Circuit

By "KEYSTONE"

Terry Noronha's invincible Wahoo Owls soared higher out of reach in the Ladies' Division when they administered a severe 20-2 thrashing to the rock-bottom CAA girls last Sunday, while the Squaws doggedly held on to their chief rivals' tail-feathers with a 7-2 victory over the fast-improving Pool To schoolgirls.

On Saturday, the lively Panda girls surprised South China by shading them 11-10 in a two-night rhuabarb session.

In the Junior circuit, the nippy Pandas disposed of S. Hamel's Comets in three swallows, while the Chinese Athletics managed at last to get their heads above water by pushing the 35 Bantams under. In Sunday's afternoon game, the Griffins clobbered three Blackhaws pitchers with twelve ringing blows to run up an impressive 18-4 winning score.

The quick-swooping Wahoo nightbirds found the Chinese Athletics easy game in their early Sunday morning hunt, the five-inning fiasco serving mainly to fatten up the batting averages of the sick-artists of the Wahoos.

First-stacker - run - pitcher Dorcen Ozorio set a near unbelievable precedent for the current season when he belted out three homers in staggering succession, scoring no less than nine runs for her side. Contrary to whatever detracting remarks that may be passed, it still takes a really hard-hit ball to become a four-bagger, so credit must be given where it is due, regardless of loose fielding or otherwise.

Not to be outdone by their teammate, shortstop Irene Stanley followed suit in the third inning with another rousing triple blow, while sturdily-built hind-satcher Nana Carvalho enjoyed a perfect day at bat with a sparkling four in four performance.

NEVER-SAY-DIE
The never-say-die Athletics manufactured their only two runs on a couple of hits by center fielder K. Wong and first-stacker H. Lee in the third frame, while T. K. Chan also collected a safety.

The midday game between the beautiful Squaws and the diminutive Pool To girls turned out to be a surprisingly keen contest with the Chinese school-girls putting up a spirited fight all the way before succumbing 7-2. The Squaw-women outdid the opposition 12 to 9, but by no means had everything their own way.

Pool To shortstop Chan Shiu-kuen stole the heading limelight by sailing down two tearing line-drives which seemed headed for distant places. The first, off the bat of "Bonnie Eyes" Remedios, was brilliantly converted into an unassisted double-play when Chan Shiu-kuen raced and beat the runner back to the keystone sack after the catch.

The second liner smacked into the shortstop's mitt with such force that it spun the tiny Chinese lass around on her heels, and she was the most amazed person on the field when she found the old apple firmly glued to her glove.

Devolving stickwork for the Squaws was contributed by shortstop Sheila Silva's three hits and four runs to the platter, while sister-squaws Thelma Waddle, Sally Sun and "Tania" Remedios garnered two solid hits apiece. Leading the batting for the losers were Chan Shiu-kuen, Choy Mei-ling and Lee Yue-may, who each nicked slabsters Bonnie Remedios for two blows.

WELL-SEASONED
Saturday's distaff tilt between Willie Woo's vociferous Panda girls and the South China lasses served the bleachers with a steam-hot softball fare, well-seasoned with rhuabarb, by the dishful.

Starting off as the underdogs, the Pandas were on the short end of the count going into the fateful sixth, which Eugenia Kwok opened up in electrifying manner with a sizzling homer. A series of fielding errors checked the sack, and a disputed call at first had the diamond crammed with players, spectators and at least four coaches from each side, all clamouring for blood, preferably the umpire's.

After order was finally restored, and in rapidly-falling light, Diane Tong slapped out a clutch single which scored the runner perched on third to break the 10-all deadlock.

Seconds after, the game was called on account of darkness to the noisy jubilation of the Pandas camp.

In Saturday's Junior League games, the 35 Bantams went down fighting to the Chinese Athletics and were consequently assigned to long, dreary rear-guard duties in this division.

With all the potential power in their bats, the hefty gunners could muster only one solitary hit off winning pitcher Yung Tong-pul, while the CAA hitters racked up eight safeties to register an initial 8-3 win.

Chinese shortstop Chan Wai-hau poled out a four-ply blow to score two in the long second inning, during which pitcher Cooper issued six free bases.

PITCHING DUEL
At the far end of the ball-park, husky young Clyde Kwok of the Pandas was engaged in a pitching duel with Comets hurler R. Hamel. Slabster Kwok out-steadied his opponent, allowing only two walks, but was touched for four hits, while Hamel passed three and conceded the same number of safe blows.

The Panda Cubs opened the scoring with three unearned runs in the third inning on a series of Comets fielding errors; but the Shooting Stars came back strongly in the fourth with an equal number of runs to even the score.

In their final time at bat, with the score tied at three-all, the Pandas' coach called on rookie Kenneth Tsang to pinch-hit, and he promptly parked a fat pitch into centre to get on base.

First baseman Gary Yen next laid down a tricky bunt which

beaved wildly over first, advancing Yen to second and placing the runner in scoring position at third.

Centerfielder Hornball then stepped into a slow one and tapped it out for a fielder's choice which scored Tsang when he ploughed across home-plate in a shower of dust. Gary Yen was shown in with the insurance run by Mickey Pan's outfield fly.

The Comets threw all into a last-ditch effort to pull up when first baseman M. Osman pushed out a bunt-hit after one away, stole second, and was advanced to third when shortstop H. Lee grounded out. But R. Long chopped the ball into the dirt towards Clyde Kwok, who calmly gathered in the pill and made the out to sow up another tight game for the Pandas.

OFF WITH A SWOOSH
In Sunday's tea-time Junior Division game, Ronnie Burdett's fledgling Blackhaws took off with a swoosh, marking up two runs in the very first inning on a couple of hits by the Nunges boys. But the Hawks landed in a bone-jarring nose-dive from their jolly second place perch when in the disastrous third and fourth stanzas the Griffins had runners galloping round the sacks in endless processions to tally nine times.

The scrappy Griffins nine had the Hawks plucked clean down to the last feather with an overwhelming 18-4 score.

Griffins chucker M. A. Hussain contributed to his team's cause with a rousing two-run homer in the third, and was paced by team-mate G. Ebrahim who connected safely thrice, including a fourth-inning blow good for three bases.

Here are the lists, with last year's positions in brackets:

MEN
1. A. J. Mottram (1)
2. G. L. Palsh (2)
3. J. A. T. Horn (3)
4. G. D. Oakley (4)
5. R. Becker (5)
6. A. J. N. Starke (6)
7. H. F. Walton (7)
8. H. Baxter (8)
9. N. R. Lewis (9)
10. W. A. Knight (10)
11. R. K. Wilson (11)
12. C. F. O. Lister (12)

WOMEN
1. Mrs. J. Walker-Smith (1)
2. Mrs. I. Rinkel-Quertier (2)
3. Miss A. Mortimer (3)
4. Mrs. A. J. Mottram (4)
5. Miss J. Curry (5)
6. Miss S. Partridge (6)
7. Miss M. P. Harrison (7)
8. Miss H. Fletcher (8)
9. Miss G. C. Hoahing (9)
10. Miss P. E. Ward (10)
11. Miss G. E. Woodgate (11)
12. Miss J. A. Shilcock (12)

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FA CUP DRAW

London, Nov. 24.

In a FA Cup first round replay today, Bristol Rovers beat Leyton Orient by 1-0.

The draw for the second round of the FA Cup to be played on Saturday, December 6, resulted as follows:

Barnet v. Aldershot or Millwall; Weymouth or Colchester United v. Llanelli; Peterborough v. Bristol Rovers; Queen's Park Rangers or Shrewsbury Town v. Chesterfield; Halifax Town or Ashton United v. Southport; Bradford v. Gateshead; Leyton or Hereford v. Scunthorpe United; Bradford City v. Ipswich Town or Bournemouth; Brighton and Hove v. Tonbridge or Norwich City; Swindon Town v. Hendon or Northampton Town; Finchley v. Crystal Palace or Reading; Guildford City or Great Yarmouth v. Wrexham; Tranmere Rovers v. Hartlepool United; Walthamstow or Wimbledon v. Watford; Bishop Auckland v. Coventry City; Stockport v. Wellington Town or Gillingham; Grimsby Town v. Bath City; Accrington Stanley v. Mansfield Town; Port Vale v. Oldham Athletic; Newport County v. Gainsborough or Netherfield.

Replays will be on or before the following Thursday, December 11.—Reuter.

BARODA CUP TABLE TENNIS

HONGKONG SWEEPS

TO A 5-0 VICTORY

OVER MACAO

Singapore, Nov. 24.

Hongkong swept to a 5-0 victory over next-door-neighbour Macao in the second series of the Baroda Cup at the Asian Table Tennis Championships on Monday night.

The Macao players fought back in a series of fast games but were unable to forestall the attack of the Hongkong players, especially their stars, Sih Su-cho and Fu Chi-fang.

The scores: Sih Su-cho beat Raul Rosa Duque, 21-12, 23-21; Chung Chu-cheng beat Wang Sek-um 21-19, 21-17; Fu Chi-fang beat Lau Sek-fong, 21-17, 21-14; Chung Chu-cheng beat Raul Rosa Duque, 21-9, 21-10; Sih Su-cho beat Lau Sek-fong, 21-16, 21-13.

SATOH LOSES AGAIN

World Champion Hiroji Satoh suffered his second defeat in the Baroda Cup team event of the Asian Table Tennis Championships tonight.

Malaya's Number Two beat him 11-21, 21-19, 21-13.

Satoh's famous penholder grip which puzzled European players at Bombay a year ago failed to do the same with the Asian players.

Indonesia conceded a walk-over in the second session to India as a result of the Indonesian players' refusal to meet India 15 minutes after the official starting time.

The Indian players, who returned late from dinner, however, maintained regulations

which permitted them 15 minutes' grace, but the Indonesians still declined to play.

TIE SCORES
Tonight's scores for the men's Baroda Cup:

Japan beat Malaya 5-1; Hongkong beat Indonesia 5-0; Singapore beat Korea 5-1; Macao beat India 5-3; Hongkong beat Macao 5-0.

Indonesia conceded a walk-over to India.

In the women's team event for the Kamala Ramenujan Cup, Singapore beat Indonesia 3-2.—Associated Press.

WISCONSIN FOR ROSE BOWL

Chicago, Nov. 24.

The University of Wisconsin today was selected over Purdue by the Big Ten athletic directors to represent the conference in the Rose Bowl next New Year's Day against Southern California.

Wisconsin and Purdue shared the Big Ten football championship.—Associated Press.

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Hongkong, 25th November, 1952.

Doubts About Krupp

Bohn, Nov. 24.
The Allied High Commission will meet the Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, tomorrow to try and break the deadlock over the future of the armaments. Alfred Krupp, Allied officials said today.
West German officials have said their Government could not legally guarantee that Krupp would never bring his way back into a commanding position in the coal, iron and steel industries—a guarantee the Allies insist on.
The Allies say this guarantee is a key feature in their settlement plan which will leave Krupp with an estimated \$50,000,000 after his "empire" has been split up.—Reuter.

New U.S. Liner For Pacific?

Manila, Nov. 24.
The American Pacific Lines is considering adding another luxury liner to its trans-Pacific fleet, an APL official said.
Michael Buckley, senior vice-president of the shipping firm, disclosed that the vessel will be similar to the sister ships, President Wilson and President Cleveland. The ships keep a regular schedule between San Francisco and the Far East via Honolulu.
Mr. Buckley is on a world tour.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE NOVEMBER HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Wednesday, 26th November, 1952, at 5.45 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th Oct., 1952.

NEW SUGAR AGREEMENT DEMANDED

London, Nov. 24.
The International Sugar Council today passed a resolution asking the United Nations Secretary-General to convene a world conference to consider a new sugar agreement.
The Council considered that a commodity agreement offered the best means of dealing with world sugar market difficulties. It recognized that such an agreement would require negotiation at an international commodity conference.
The Council suggested that the proposed conference be held in London in late June or early July of 1953.
It authorized the Chairman of the International Sugar Council to place the full facilities of the Council's Secretariat at the disposal of the United Nations for such a conference.
The Council's meeting was attended by representatives of governments and by observers from eight other governments and from the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.
Its resolution said: "The International Sugar Council, having considered at its meeting on November 24, 1952, and at previous meetings the statistical position of the world sugar market, finds that the situation is such that international action is required to overcome the difficulties which have arisen and which will continue if such action is not taken."
The call for a new world conference comes on the eve of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' economic conference which begins on Thursday, Nov. 27.
The Prime Ministers in their discussions on the Sterling Area are expected to consider the whole problem of commodity agreements.—Reuter.

Army In Good Shape

London, Nov. 24.
Miss Beryl Mary Conybe, a British Red Cross Society worker, and the first British woman to visit the Korean war zone said today that the health of Commonwealth troops in Korea was amazingly good. She visited medical units within the sound of front line gunfire.—Reuter.

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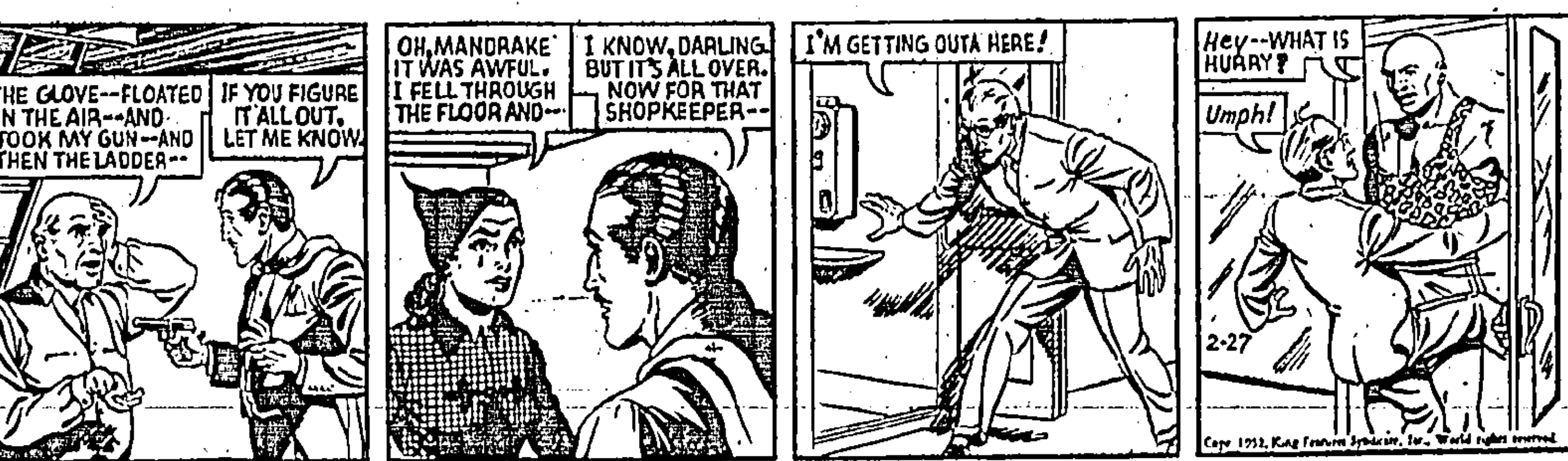
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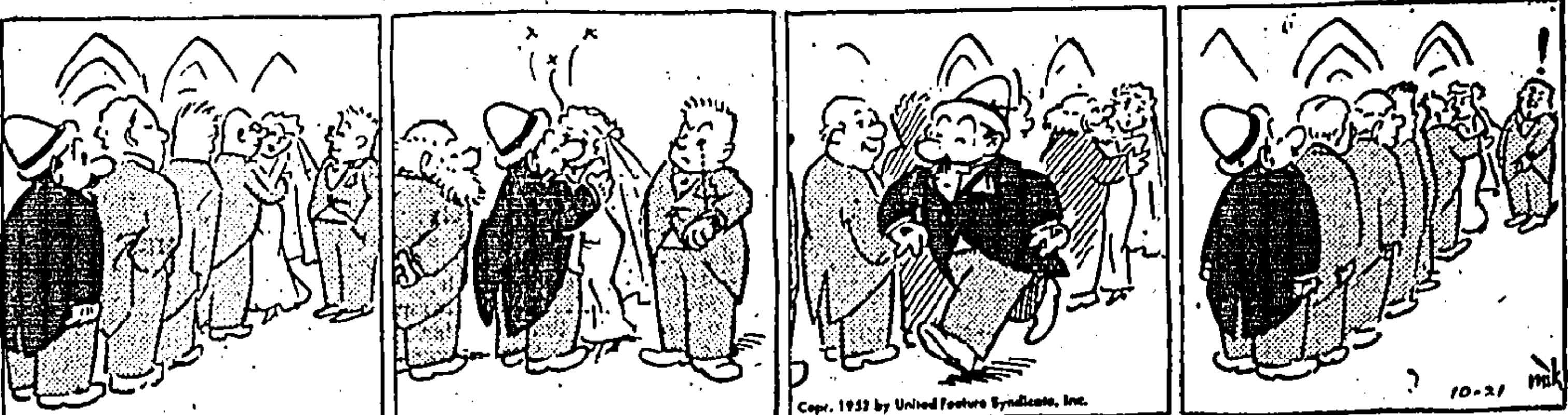
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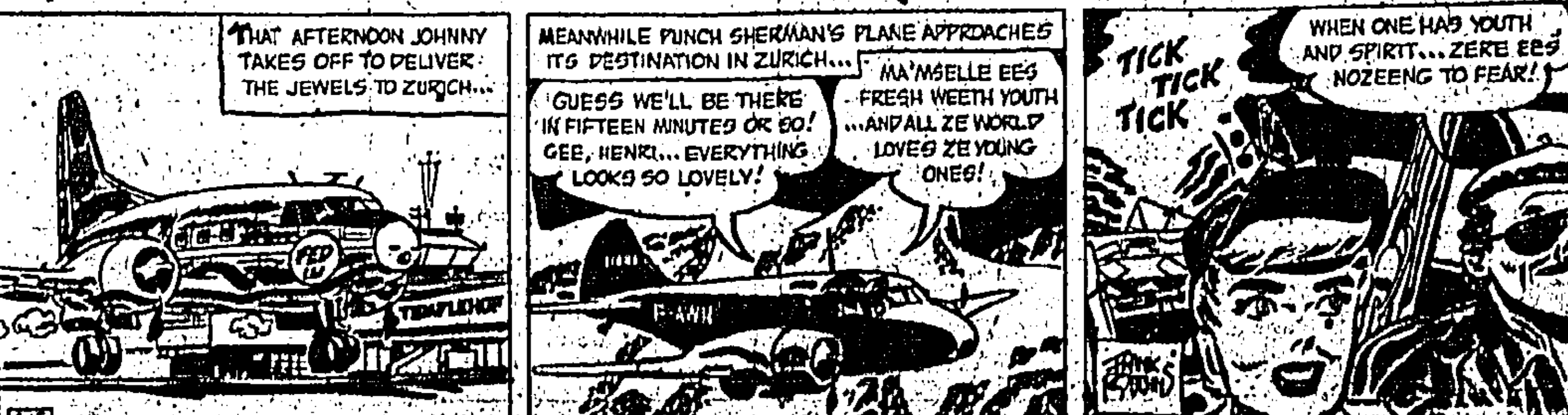
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River Moved Off The Map Of Canada

Vancouver, Nov. 24.
A river nearly as big as the Thames has just been moved off the map in northern British Columbia to make a 350 square mile lake and provide water power for the \$200 million partly British-financed aluminium smelter at Kitimat, on the Pacific coast.

For centuries the Nechako River fed off a chain of lakes, then joined the Fraser River, 184 miles from the Nechako source.

Now a vast diversion tunnel, built to channel the river round the Kenney dam, has been closed.

Thousands of trout waited for death in the shallow.

The dam has changed the watershed flow from east to west.

When the lake is full, the waters will flow down a 10-mile tunnel to a power-house built inside a mountain at Kemano. Vertical shafts, and by-passes for the water have been drilled down 2,600 feet through the mountain.

From there the power will be carried by a transmission line to Kitimat, 60 miles away.

At one point, where the line straddles a glacier, snow field, and peaks, 3,400 feet up, for six miles, a cutting has been built with materials and labour taken in by hoverplane.

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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK
Up From
The
Country

THE two women at the counter where jumpers and cardigans were sold had this in common—they had both come up to London from the country, though from different parts of it, for the afternoon.

The younger woman, having time off from her work, came up primarily to look at the shops. The older woman, on the other hand, was in town to see a specialist about her eyes, or rather about the one eye she had left.

The older woman, whose name was Mary, picked up a cardigan, examined it for a moment, then glanced at her with her single eye to see that none of the assistants was looking, slipped the jersey into a shopping bag she was carrying. That done, she made her way unobtrusively from the store.

THE younger woman, who had seen what Mary had done, abandoned her examination of the jumpers, and followed Mary off. She knew there was work for her to do. She was a policeman.

She caught up with Mary in the street outside the shop, and stopped her. Flustered, shocked by the suddenness of her capture, Mary at once confessed. Next morning, at Great Marlborough Street, she pleaded guilty to her theft.

"The cardigan," said counsel for the store, "was valued at 25s. 11d. This woman had £2 10s. 10d. on her when she was searched."

THE public in the gallery glowered at this, and seemed to have been extending to the trembling, sobbing woman of 63 in the dock. It was as if they considered Mary had committed another crime, by having money in her bag that would have paid for the stolen cardigan.

A detective officer went into the witness-box and said to Mr. P. G. Hobbie, the magistrate, "There is one previous conviction, sir. She was fined for shop-lifting in 1946."

A paroxysm of trembling shook Mary and the public gallery nodded as if in self-congratulation at their sagacity in withdrawing their pity from a woman with such a past.

THEIR mood, as it showed on their faces, was in strange contrast to the tone of the detective officer, who, continuing his story, now said:

"This woman's not at all well, sir. I do think that both her offences arise from that. I'm not suggesting that she's mentally ill, sir, but she has suffered a great deal..." And having said that, he withdrew from the witness-box.

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate asked Mary.

It took her a moment or two to compose herself sufficiently to speak at all, then, fumbling with the words, she said: "I'm rather grateful to this officer. He's been very kind to me. All the police have been so kind, sir. I want to say I'm very sorry, sir..."

The tears took over for a moment, and the court waited. Mary mustered more words. "I live in the country, you see, sir, and it's very lonely. I don't see anyone very much. I don't know what made me do this. I'll never happen again, I... I'm very lonely..." Her voice trailed off.

Mr. Robey consulted his notes. It had been stated that Mary lived in the country, with a son; her husband had died 10 years since. The magistrate looked up, and directly at Mary, who lowered the glance of her single eye before the gaze of his two.

"If you hadn't been a sick woman," the magistrate said sternly, "you would have gone to prison for this. Usually, if people are caught shoplifting twice, they are not treated mercifully. You will pay 40s. and have a month's costs, or you may have a month in prison. I don't want you to go to your son for the money."

"Could I have a bit longer?" Mary asked, through sobs. She was given six weeks to find the 40s. They helped her from the dock; the detective in charge of the case, the public gallery still frowned. It was as well for Mary that they were not her judges.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

It's Health-Wrecking
To Be Premier
Of Australia

By H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Nov. 21.

The illness this week of Prime Minister R. G. Menzies was not in itself particularly serious, but having in mind the deaths in office of Prime Ministers Joseph Lyons, John Curtin and Opposition Leader Ben Chifley (soon after leaving the PM office) the pattern becomes vastly different.

Breakdowns in health have become almost automatically associated with the office and indicate that the job of PM is getting out of hand.

Dame Enid Lyons, having lost her own husband while in the job, went to both Mr Curtin and Mr Chifley and pleaded with them to go slow. They smiled at her, said all the right things—and went on with the job of running a country at war.

One thing seems certain: If Australian Prime Ministers are to have any future in a ripe old age steps must be taken to remove from them the vast amount of executive work which helps to keep them on the go for 18 hours a day. Some PM of the future must realise that he is the skipper and that he should get some of the Cabinet deckhands to do the scrubbing.

As well as administering his own department, the PM today is head of 24 Executive boards, which does not include Cabinet and its various sub-committees, appearances in Parliament, Loan Council meetings, Premiers' conferences and so on.

THE ONLY WONDER

Only wonder under the present system is how they manage to survive so long.

Yesterday doctors gave Mr Menzies the green light to carry on with his trip to London for the meeting of Commonwealth ministers—a decision which pleased him very much, for he is largely responsible for the meeting being called. He wanted badly to be at that meeting for it is certain that there is going to be some fairly straight talking done about Commonwealth finances and when it comes to debate Bob Menzies can hold his own with the best of them.

The string attached to permission for him to go to London is the promise the doctors extracted from him that on his return he will take a complete rest, which indicates even now that his health is not all that it should be.

Story from a Sydney hospital: A father disputed the entry "Labor Ward, £22," on his wife's hospital bill, pointed out that because of a late run the baby had been born on a lawn outside the hospital. Back came the bill without comment, but the words "Labor Ward" had been replaced by "green fees."

STRIKES TROUBLE

SYDNEY: NSW Railways Commissioner, Mr Reg Winsor, who has been getting more than his share of kicks since he took over the job a few months ago and began trying to make the railway pay, this morning struck trouble over the attempted cancellation of contracts.

Faced with what looked like being a £7-million deficit for the year, the Department is now trying to cancel or curtail construction and other contracts worth £10-million, but many of the firms who successfully tendered for the job aren't playing.

Many have taken legal advice. In fairness it isn't entirely a question of money. Many are negotiating with the Department to try to save the jobs of thousands of men working on these contracts.

Thirty-three firms are so far affected, some of them importers who have placed overseas orders worth hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Already one firm has paid off 500 hands and it could easily be a black Christmas for thousands of others unless the parties can find some solution.

BOOM DAYS OVER

All in all, it is now no exaggeration to say that the boom days are over. More are out of work in NSW (91,000) was the official figure released this week) than at any period since 1940, and money is tight. Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the field of government jobs in NSW. The whole of the State is littered with unfinished public works. They range from small bridges to huge dams, from generating stations to wells, and it is doubtful if some of them will ever be finished.

Majority were begun in the post-war boom period when NSW Government was able to obtain millions from the Com-

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My little girl was very good company at that age—I hope yours doesn't grow up to marry a millionaire too!"

WOMAN FAKES
INSANITY

London, Nov. 24.

A woman, who claimed she faked insanity to get into a lunatic asylum pleaded insanity to get a decree of nullity—and got it.

Commissioner Grazebrook awarded the decree today to Mrs Dorothy Speller after she told him she married her husband when she had a "vision" and left him when she had another.

He said that Mrs Speller, conducting her own case with "great ability," had this tale to tell.

Her "visions" about religion began in 1930 and because of them she questioned her sanity. She had two children before marriage but falsified one of the birth certificates to make it appear she was married—because she was not really interested in men.

She studied lunacy and discovered she had all the required marks of a paranoic. Her great mission in life began. She decided to get into a lunatic asylum.

During World War II she went to Scotland Yard—headquarters of the British police—and confessed that she had planned to tunnel running from the Continent to the British Isles. It was being used by the Irish Republican Army.

She was sent to an asylum.

After another vision she escaped.

In 1942 she met her husband, a member of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, a movement sneered at by sceptics but believed by its members to have been founded in the 17th century and associated at that time with the control of Sylphs, Gnomes and Salamanders.

She married him because she believed he had been "sent to her" so that she could help his religious mission.

She claimed she was insane at the time of the marriage.

The Commissioner said that medical documents showed she had been a victim of paranoia. A medical superintendent said her claim to have deliberately feigned insanity on behalf of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood was not uncommon in paranoics.

Reuter.

Incited Dog To Molest Cat

Pleading guilty to a charge of cruelty to animals, a 17-year-old watchman Chen Lum of the National Bank, Ice House Street, was fined \$50 or 14 days by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Central this morning.

On Monday, a European woman complained to the HKSPCA that someone was torturing a cat on the roof of the National Bank.

Mr Norman of the HKSPCA went with the woman to the roof of the Bank and there they saw the defendant with an unmuzzled Alsatian dog with the cat in his mouth. The dog was throwing the cat up in the air encouraged by the defendant.

dusting up that he had to let it go.

He wanted a live emu, he said, to show overseas passengers at the airport.

THREE MORE REDS
CHARGED WITH
TREASON

Vienna, Nov. 24.

Three more prominent Communists—two of them former Ministers in the Czechoslovak Government—filed into court today to plead guilty in the Prague treason trial.

Prague Radio said they were Otto Fischl, ex-Deputy Minister of Finance, accused of sabotage; Ad. Mar-golius, ex-Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, accused of espionage, and Otto Sling, former Party Secretary at Brno, also charged with espionage.

Only two more of the 14 on trial remain to be heard—Karl Svan, former Minister of National Defence, and Reinlein, charged with military treason, which carries the death penalty according to observers.

In the indictment against Otto Sling, it was stated: "In Brno the millionaire Otto Sling, who ruled without restriction, turned out to be an old American-British agent."

Sling was stated to have admitted: "I confess my guilt as a member of the anti-state centre of conspirators led by Rudolf Slansky, who employed methods similar to those of Tito and his clique in Yugoslavia."

"This anti-state conspiracy consisted of elements from the ranks of bourgeois Nationalists, Trotskyists, Zionists and collaborators. Its aim was the liquidation of the people's democratic institutions, and the restoration of capitalism in Czechoslovakia."

Both Otto Sling and Otto Fischl, whose evidence was heard this afternoon, were stated to be of Jewish origin.

"ADVENTURER"

The indictment, it was stated, charged: "One of the organisers of Zionist pioneer activities in Czechoslovakia and most important of the Israeli espionage service was the adventurer Otto Fischl, who during the war entered the service of the Gestapo and helped them to liquidate the Jews and their property. He was appointed by Slansky to the Ministry of Finance as Deputy Minister and the plenipotentiary of Slansky."

"Fischl, after the state of Israel was founded, used the pretext of Jewish emigration to arrange for large numbers of capitalists and enemies of Czechoslovakia illegally to go abroad and permitted the export of property to the value of many millions of crowns."

"How impudent these agents were is shown by the fact that those belonging to the Czechoslovak people was used to finance espionage and terrorist activities by American agents against this country."

The recorded hearing of Evzen Loeb, former Deputy Foreign Trade Minister, who had been called to the dock last night, was broadcast tonight.

Loeb, according to the broadcast, confessed fully on all points of the charge and confirmed that he was a member of the "Slansky gang."

ADmits SABOTAGE

In 1946 and 1947 he said he had been in touch with Herman Field and Zillicus, between 1945 and 1946 he had been in touch with the "British spy Godfrey Lias." He acknowledged having conducted sabotage and tried to export to the West with the aid of Ueberall.

At trade negotiations with People's Democracies, Loeb stated in court he tried to hinder agreements. He was also a Freemason. He had met Field at Crecow when fleeing from Czechoslovakia.

The trust fund, he said, was administered by the British Home Office. Already during the war in London he and his collaborators decided to penetrate into high economic positions.

In 1943, at an UNRRA conference, Loeb stated he told American and other delegates that he and other Czech Communists were opposed to Socialist ruling in Czechoslovakia.

Loeb said he organized UNRRA, in Czechoslovakia, which in fact was an office to propagate and carry through Western capitalist organization.

After the war, Loeb said, he returned to Czechoslovakia with Ripla as an imperialist spy and counter-revolutionary—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The fifty-fifth in the series of tests in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 6.30.

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Lesson 55
A Court Case

(Refer to page 300, "Cantonese Simplified").

Vocabulary:
1. 法庭 (Court) - Law. A method. A way.
2. 被告 (Defendant) - An official.
3. 原告 (Plaintiff) - To try a case.
4. 法官 (Judge) - To judge.
5. 陪审 (Jury) - To judge.
6. 证人 (Witness) - To testify.
7. 传票 (Subpoena) - To summon.
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Living
Language

Why we say Nick-name.

A nickname is an "also-name" for it was originally "an eke-name." "Eke" means something added so that "an eke-name" was a term of abuse, reproach, or humour which was added to the names by which a man was christened.

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By Air

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m. Air France.
Philippines, 5 p.m. P.A.L.
U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m. P.A.L.
Malaya, 5 p.m. P.A.L.
Middle East, Great Britain, Ceylon, Europe, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Macao, 6 p.m. 6 p.m. as Leo Hong/Tak Shing.
Radio China, 6 p.m. as Sun On.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
By Air

Formosa, Java, and via C.A.T. Malaya, Indonesia, 4.30 p.m. New Zealand, 4.30 p.m. C.P.A.
Canton (Tonkin only), 4.30 p.m. C.P.A.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (New York), 6 p.m. H.K.A.
Japan, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Macao, 6 p.m. as Leo Hong/Tak Shing.
Formosa, Republic, 6.30 a.m. train to Canton.
Formosa, 9 a.m. as Wing Sang.
Philippines, 9 a.m. as Pres. Airmail.
Siam, 2 p.m. as Anne Reed.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27
By Air

Formosa, 9 a.m. via C.A.T. Philippines, 9 a.m. via C.A.T. U.S.A. (San Francisco), noon. P.A.L.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Ceylon, Great Britain, Europe, noon. B.O.A.C.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m. C.P.A.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. 9 p.m. C.P.A.L.
By Surface

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